

## ATTENTION, MERCHANTS!



### An Open Letter to the Merchants of Richmond County. Kind Words versus Force--Grass versus Stones. Flour and Sugar Prices, and Proper Observance of the Law.

#### TO THE MERCHANTS OF RICHMOND COUNTY:

You have responded promptly, whole-heartedly, to my request in the last issue of the Post-Dispatch. Your reports are coming in and are being tabulated. I confidently count on having your hearty help in enforcing the food laws. No man is perfect; in every class of men, a certain proportion will not measure up to the average standard. To them I relate Fable No. 1 in old Noah Webster's Blue Back Speller—

An old man found a rude boy upon one of his trees stealing apples, and desired him to come down: but the young sauce-box told him plainly he would not. "Won't you?" said the old man, "then I will fetch you down": then he pulled up some turf or grass and threw at him; but this only made the youngster laugh, to think the old man should pretend to beat him down from the tree with grass only. "Well, well," said the old man, "if neither words nor grass will do, I must try what virtue there is in stones!"

There have been some complaints that sugar and flour have cost some of our merchants about as much as the price fixed by Mr. Page. When a retailer can show that his flour has cost him as much as \$11.75 per barrel delivered, I have instructions to grant him an exception from the ruling, so as to permit him to sell that particular lot at a profit of \$1.00 per barrel. When he can show that sugar has cost him 9 1-2c, a permit to sell it for 10 1-2 will be given, applying only to that particular lot. It is regarded by the administrator that a profit of 1c per pound on sugar and \$1.00 per barrel is enough profit under present conditions, and that the retailer is entitled to that much.

I am in receipt of a letter from State Food Administrator Henry A. Page requesting:

1. That I demand of each retailer in my county a complete list of consumers who have purchased flour in excess of one barrel during the past three months.
2. That I immediately notify the purchasers whose names are submitted or whose names I can secure, that they must return all flour in their possession in excess of one barrel to the dealers from whom they purchased, these dealers being required to take it back at the price they received for it.
3. That I take every other means within my command to remedy this situation just as promptly as possible.
4. That I submit to him promptly for indictment and prosecution the names of any merchants who withhold information and any consumers who retain in their possession more than one barrel of flour after they are given an opportunity to return it to dealers.

Mr. Page demands immediate action in this matter and it is necessary that his instructions be followed out immediately. I shall expect to hear from you within three days, with list of people who have made large purchases of flour from you during the past three months.

You no doubt know that the purchasers of excessive amounts of any foodstuffs are guilty of hoarding under the Food Control Law passed by Congress Aug. 10th, and are punishable by fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment, or both, in addition to confiscation of the goods; and that merchants making such sales are likewise guilty thru their action in aiding and abetting which in the commission is an offense against the law.

As stated above there will be no prosecution of either merchants or consumers who have violated this law if information is given promptly.

The prices fixed on sugar and flour is for the average man: the man who comes into your store and lays down his money and picks up his purchase and carries it home himself.

The man who wants it delivered: who wants it charged till the end of the week: who wants it carried until Oct. 1st—he is getting service and you have a right to charge for this a reasonable price for delivery; a reasonable price for book-keeping expense; and, under our State law, 10 per cent. for carrying charges, if fall terms are wanted.

The editor of this paper gives me this space on the front page. I am paying him the regular advertising rates. I am doing this myself, without help from the Government. I cannot afford to have the papers mailed to non subscribers again. I will use this space each week, when necessary, to keep you advised. It is all the notice I can give.

The great majority of the folks are going to do right. Already they have voluntarily promised to bring back an excess of 40 or 50 barrels, and I have not heard from all parts of the county. The fable of the boy that stole apples has served me for more than half a century—it will serve every man in Richmond county if he will but read it aright.

**W. N. EVERETT,**  
Food Administrator for Richmond County.

(Since above was written and put in type, the following self-explanatory telegram was received from State Food Administrator Page):

Raleigh, N. C.

W. N. EVERETT, Food Admr.  
Rockingham, N. C.

Notify all merchants through your local papers no exceptions can be made to new food administration ruling forbidding sale of wheat flour except in combination with equal amount of other cereals, including corn meal, hominy grits, oat meal, rice, barley, flour, edible wheat shorts or middlings, corn flour, corn starch, soy bean flour.

HENRY A. PAGE.

## EXAMINATION OF MEN OF CLASS ONE

The Richmond County Exemption Board Monday Began Examining Men of Class 1 at Rate of 50 a Day

Since Monday the Richmond county exemption board has been examining men of Class 1 at the rate of 50 each day. 50 will continue to be examined Friday and Monday, after which latter day the examinations will cease for a week or so.

Out of the 50 called for last Monday, 45 reported for examination. 47 reported Tuesday, 48 Wednesday and 45 today.

Conducting the examination Monday were Doctors McPhail, Everett, McIntosh, Garrett, Ledbetter. Dr. James assisted with these five Tuesday. Every doctor in the county is invited and urged to assist in these examinations. Assisting the local doctors Wednesday were Drs. Kinsman and James.

The Post-Dispatch last issue published the names of the 50 who were examined Monday and the 50 Tuesday. Herewith we give the names of those who were called for examination Wednesday, 30th, and today, 31st; and the list for Friday and Monday. No further examinations will be made after Monday for a week or maybe longer, the board today deciding to hold up after Monday in the examinations in order that they may catch up in the office work.

The men of Class 1, called for examination are:

### Wednesday, Jan. 30th

John Jones  
John Hanson McCaw  
William Herbert Bullard  
Cleo Coachman  
Minor Hinson  
Vernon Forbis  
Walter A. Phifer  
Hector A. Little  
Charlie Hamilton  
Clarence Hartwell Hedgepeth  
V. L. David Hudson  
William Walter Graham  
Rosco Covington  
Frank Fuller  
Will Dawkins  
James Fetzer Lentz  
John Skally Terry  
Willie Shepherd Blue  
William Fortney Graham  
Danney Archie Snead  
John C. McFadyen  
Gernie Archie Patterson  
Henry Clay Jenkins  
Holland Gibson  
Derious Covington  
Henry H. Graham  
Tillman Dunn  
James McKenzie  
William Clay Smith  
Frank Stanback  
Percy Church Coley  
John Reddick  
Thos. A. Parham  
Elijah Twinney  
Robt. Fletcher Lisk  
Will Fairly  
Henry Rainwater  
James Adair  
Lacy Everett  
Zebulon Gibson  
Robt. Nichols Stansill  
Jas. Daniel Evans  
Cicero J. Covington  
Irvin Quick  
Marvin Ogburn  
John McInnis  
Claude Austin  
Frazier Gregg  
Joe Parker Wingard  
Alex Monroe

### Thursday, Jan. 31st

Tom Johnson  
Andrew J. Cross  
Lacy F. Tookes  
Haywood James  
Zack McDonald  
Jas. Leak Little  
Boyd Wallace  
Jas. Randolph Warmouth

Arthur Baxter Green  
Joseph Franklin Leak  
Archie Bennett Napier  
Albert Terrell  
Sam McRae  
Sam McNeil  
Howell Lee Hawley  
Joseph R. Coley  
Enoch Houston Chamberlain.  
Lacy Lee Meacham  
Joseph E. Turbeville  
Oliver Jason Morgan  
Vander Floyd  
Rufus Mobley  
Will Adams  
Carl E. Garrett  
Luke Nash  
Robt. Lee Smith  
Alec Walter Williams  
Pinkney Elmore Gore  
Malcolm D. McDonald  
Arthur L. Morgan  
John William Hammond  
Furman Jas. McLeod  
Alvie Chavis  
Homer Nestor LeGrand  
John Bostick  
Jas. Sam Thomson  
Lewis Talmage Nance  
Walter Cyrus Groves  
Anguish Ellerbe  
Wm. Henry Watkins  
Jas. J. Cagle  
Robt. B. Dawkins  
Arthur Peele  
Jas. Luke Smith  
Oscar Jacobs  
Wm. Tell Smith  
Luther Marvin McKenzie  
Geo. Alexander  
Ira Davis

### Friday, Feb. 1st

Walter S. Sedberry  
Wm. Alonzo Moody  
Jim William Currie  
Thomas Bostick  
Marcus K. Little  
Arthur Talmage McIntosh  
Benjamin Alfred Capel  
John Hailey  
Buck Tom Rose  
Walter L. Parsons, Jr.  
John Kelson Gibson  
Ellis Hatcher  
Jessie Gardner  
John Stansill Morse  
Tom Allen  
Ralph F. Brigman  
Arthur Lee Robinson  
Joe Edward Glasgow  
James Lee Currie  
John Crawford Watkins  
Charlie Parks  
Flowers Diggs  
Orville Dewey Wilson  
James Azzie Dunlap  
William Frison  
Culpeper Mabry  
James Edward Wood  
Silas Stewart  
Luke Gibson, Jr.  
Frank Wall  
Henry S. Ledbetter, Jr.  
Henry Raymond Howell  
Ed Hammond  
Edward H. Hurley  
Benj. F. Reddick  
Robt. Weaver Gathings  
James Ratliff  
Wm. Hayes Powers  
John Monroe Snead  
Wm. Lacy Lampley  
Sylvester DeBerry Luther  
Caggie Terry  
DeWitt Talmage Webb  
James Clyde Hicks  
Pearl Ingram  
Lawyer Cameron  
Clifford Calias Steele  
Walter Coney Steele  
Ozmer Lucas Henry  
Chas. Jackson Fetner

### Monday, Feb. 4th

Harrison Smitherman  
Colfax Caldwell  
Chester Leak  
Thomas Jones  
Thomas Belton  
Chester Griffin  
Sunny Ford  
Gene Little  
Coley Smith  
Peter Wall  
Thomas Leak  
George B. Spencer  
John Jones  
John Turner  
Walter Little

## LABEL

This space is devoted by the Post-Dispatch each week to "shop" talk. If you are a paid-up subscriber, then what is written herein will not interest you; but if you are behind on your subscription, then EVERY WORD is written directly to you. Why read on a credit? Why let your arrears continually stare you in the face each week? Are YOU proud of a label that shows you are behind? Resolve to have this changed. Write or come to the Post-Dispatch office and get square on this subscription matter. Don't wait for the paper to send you a statement. The top label shows your Dispatch subscription; the bottom label is that of the Post. Add \$1.50 to the amount owing to Dec. 1st, 1917, for a new year for the Post-Dispatch.

Charles Smith  
Waddell Kirkland  
John Wright  
Preston Chambers  
Lee Lentz  
Wade Yates  
Hampton Miller  
William Stanback  
Luther Dove  
Hayse McRae  
William Bethea  
Willie McMillan  
Jarvis T. Williams  
John Edgar Robinson  
Thomas Arthur Mumford  
Lola Dumas  
Richard Wall  
John Staten  
James White  
Henry Haley  
Talmage Morrison  
Lacy LeGrand  
Roy Edwards  
Arley Walter Allen  
Alonzo Ellerbe  
Aaron Dumas  
Purvis Williams  
Jonas McRae  
Olyn Marcelous Wilson  
Willie Simmons  
James Manning  
Curtis Baldwin  
Archie Allen  
Will Ingram  
Kenny Martin

### Marriage License.

The following secured licenses from Register of Deeds during the past week:

Chasten Guy Winn and Marguerite H. Horton, white, 26th.  
Henry DeGraffenreid and Effie Wright, col., issued the 26th.  
Ernest Heard and Lenora Smith col., issued the 28th.  
Joe McCall and Nellie Little, col., issued 29th.  
Joe Worth, Jr., and Flonnie Wall, col., issued 29th.  
James Walter Davis and Lucy Hunsucker, white, issued 30th.

An item in this paper last issue stated that Miss Allie Legg had purchased a Hudson Four; the car was a Buick Four instead.

### 'Heatless' Day Here.

Monday was observed in Rockingham in fine style as "heatless" Monday, a holiday, and a general period of rest for the business folks. The government's closing order, for the purpose of conserving the coal supply, was lived up to in spirit and letter, and a veritable period of rest and quietude was made of the day.

All mercantile stores were closed. The grocery stores kept open until noon, and then closed for the balance of the day. The drug stores remained open but sold only medicines and drugs. More than one tobacco-loving citizen had a strong desire for a smoke Monday and had no tobacco. The barber shops were also closed. The picture show is allowed to run on Mondays, but is closed on Tuesdays.

The government's order issued Jan. 18th that all places of business that burn fuel be closed for ten successive Mondays, including factories and manufacturing plants not engaged on government work, has been acquiesced in by the nation gladly and patriotically. The order specifically states that if the Mondays be warm and no fires necessary, then the stores etc., may remain open. But the people are, certainly for the present, closing up anyway on the designated days.

Of the 10 Rockingham cotton mills only 2, Great Falls and Ledbetter, operated Monday; they are engaged on government work and were permitted to run. We understand that those mills that did not run paid their employees half time. A ruling by Fuel Administrator Garfield today allows hydro-electrically driven mills to run on heatless Mondays where such operation does not in the slightest increase the use of fuel. The Post-Dispatch is unable to state today just how this new ruling will affect the electrically driven mills for next Monday.

Miss Allie Legg is in New York City on business.

## On Providing For the Future.

Take home to yourself this thought: "WHAT IS TO BECOME OF ME WHEN I AM NO LONGER ABLE TO EARN MONEY BY MY BRAIN or BODILY LABOR?"

### PERHAPS YOU DO NOT KNOW—

that only ONE man in 10,000 is self-supporting at the age of SEVENTY. That in the United States there are now 125,000 former WAGE-earners SIXTY-FIVE years of age or more, who are dependent upon public and private charity at a cost of \$220,000,000; that there are 300,000 OLD MEN and WOMEN in homes whose up-keep costs \$50,000,000 annually.

We live in an age when a salary means only bread and butter, and a place to sleep. What will happen when we grow old? We will be PENNILESS and HOMELESS if we CONTINUE as we are GOING.

We must each day—each week, meet not only the current expenses, but also the expense of some FUTURE time.

Now a provision against this unpleasantness is to open an account—TODAY—with the ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the County; deposit a part of each week's salary, and let your money work for you.

This Bank is Open Every Saturday Until 5 O'clock.

**THE RICHMOND COUNTY SAVINGS BANK,**  
ROCKINGHAM, N. C.